

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
EASTERN DISTRICT OF WISCONSIN

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JOE ALBERT RAUCH,

Plaintiff,

v.

Case No. 20-cv-0360-bhl

MARK SHEREMETA,

Defendant.

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**NOTICE AND ORDER**

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Plaintiff Joe Albert Rauch, who is representing himself, filed a complaint under 42 U.S.C. §1983. On December 2, 2021, Defendant filed a motion for summary judgment. Dkt. No. 41. Under Civil L. R. 56(b)(2), Rauch's response materials are due within thirty days of service of the motion, or by **January 3, 2022**. In responding to the motion, Rauch must respond to each of the proposed findings of fact by agreeing with each proposed fact or explaining why he disagrees with a particular proposed fact. If he does not indicate one way or the other, the Court will assume that he does not dispute the proposed fact and will accept the fact as true. Rauch must support every disagreement with a proposed fact by citing to evidence. He can do that by relying on documents that he attaches to his response or by telling the Court his version of what happened in an affidavit or an unsworn declaration under 28 U.S.C. §1746.<sup>1</sup> An unsworn declaration is a way for a party to tell his side of the story while declaring to the Court that everything in the declaration is true and correct. Rauch must also respond to the legal arguments in the brief.

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<sup>1</sup> At the bottom of his declaration, he should state: "I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct. Executed on [date]. [Signature]." 28 U.S.C. §1746(2).

If Rauch fails to respond to the motion by the deadline, the Court will accept all facts asserted by Defendant as undisputed, which will likely result in summary judgment being granted in Defendant's favor and the case being dismissed. Further, the Court reminds Rauch that, under Civil L. R. 7(d), his failure to respond to Defendant's motion may be sufficient cause for the Court to grant the motion as a sanction for noncompliance with Civil L. R. 56 and this order.

If Rauch believes he needs additional time to prepare his response materials, he must file a motion asking the Court to extend the deadline *before* his response materials are due. If he files such a motion, he must explain why he needs additional time and how much additional time he needs.

**IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED** that, if by **January 3, 2022**, Rauch does not respond to the summary judgment motion or does not request additional time to do so, the Court will accept all facts asserted by Defendant as undisputed and may grant the motion as a sanction for noncompliance with this order and the local rules. *See* Civil L.R. 7(d).

Dated at Milwaukee, Wisconsin on December 3, 2021.

*s/ Brett H. Ludwig*

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BRETT H. LUDWIG

United States District Judge